

White House Press Briefing

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At a White House press briefing yesterday, White House Press Secretary Dana Perino claimed material was cut from the CDC testimony because it was inconsistent with the findings of the Nobel Prize-winning U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

Dana Perino: “As I understand it, the draft information did not comport with what -- the science that was in the IPCC report -- that was the International Panel on Climate Change. And so it was reviewed, and the scientists took a look at it.”

Deleted Text from CDC Testimony on Global Warming and Public Health

“Climate Change is a Public Health Concern

In the United States, climate change is likely to have a significant impact on health, through links with the following outcomes:

- Direct effects of heat,
- Health effects related to extreme weather events,
- Air pollution-related health effects,
- Allergic diseases,
- Water- and food-borne infectious diseases,
- Vector-borne and zoonotic diseases,
- Food and water scarcity, at least for some populations,
- Mental health problems, and
- Long-term impacts of chronic diseases and other health effects”